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## NINE MEN KILLED IN BREATHITT

### Result of Rotten Election Methods Usual in That County.

Jackson, Ky., Nov. 8.—Nine men were shot to death and six wounded in a battle and during sporadic fighting in three precincts of Breathitt county today. Another man was shot and seriously wounded last night as a prelude to today's battling. Two voting places were reported shot up today and ballots destroyed. Telephone lines were cut and voters intimidated.

**Eight Killed in Battle.**  
Eight men were killed and four wounded in a pitched battle inside and about the door of Clayhole Precinct, twelve miles from here on Troublesome creek, as the polls were opened this morning.

The slain are:  
Asberry Combs, 36 years old.  
Tom Centers, 40.  
Cleveland Combs, 35.  
Leslie Allen, 35.  
Ephern Allen, 31.  
John Roberts, 30.  
George Allen, 30.  
George McIntosh.

All the slain men were Democratic workers except Roberts and McIntosh, who were Republicans. All were married men with families.

The wounded are:  
William Barnett, 50, married, Republican; condition serious.  
Will Davis, 30, single, Republican.  
Ed Davis, 48, married, Republican.  
French Combs, 35, married, Democrat; condition serious.  
Tom McIntosh, 25, single, Republican.

The others slain are:  
K. K. Spencer, Democrat, election clerk, shot to death late this afternoon at Simpson Precinct fifteen miles from here on Big Frozen creek.

Rylvester Howard, Jr., 38, slain late yesterday at Spring Fork Precinct, near the Knott county line.  
The other wounded man is:  
Lloyd Napier, 49, Democrat, husband of Democratic candidate, for judge, ambushed on the way to Clayhole Precinct voting place; condition serious.

**Battle Breaks Suddenly.**

The battle at Clayhole Precinct occurred soon after the polls were opened and some time after the ambushing of Napier. Almost before one could realize that a fight was in progress, scores of shots had been fired and the victims were lying about the polling place, some dead and others dying.

According to one version of the affair, there had been reports last night that the election would be torn up when the polling place was opened this morning. The fact that telephone lines were cut gave strength to the belief that men were organized to carry on a fight.

Ed Combs, defeated candidate for County Judge at the recent primary, who has been supporting the Republican ticket, is said to have led a party of men who appeared at the voting place and demanded a fair election after a voter had been challenged. The battle according to this version, began when, after Combs refused to leave the room and take his followers away from the door, election officers attempted to remove him forcibly.

**Woman Takes Part, Report.**  
Cleveland Combs, election clerk, was the first to fall. A witness to the shooting, who returned to Jackson last night, said Mrs. Combs, who said she had overheard a group of men plotting a raid on the polling place and who appeared in time to see her husband slain, knocked a pistol from Geo. McIntosh and shot him. She said McIntosh fired the shot which killed her husband, it was reported.

Efforts were made to reopen the polls after the fight, but it was found the ballots had been thrown into the creek and few of them could be used. Few persons were courageous enough to approach the polls after the battle, it was said.

It is believed that the loss of this precinct may swing the county election to the Republicans. The precinct was the stronghold of the Democrats and was considered the key to the outcome of the election in Breathitt.

### SANSON-BIAS WEDDING.

In the presence of only a few relatives and friends, the wedding of Miss Zuma Sanson, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sanson of Wayne and Mrs. A. A. Bias, was quietly solemnized in the M. E. Parsonage at Portsmouth, O., a few days ago, says the Wayne News. The Rev. Chas. Edward Chandler performed the ring ceremony in the most impressive manner. Mr. Bias is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bias of near Dunlow and is a telegraph operator at Glenhays. The bride is a teacher in Wayne county. After an extended tour to Washington, Boston and other points in the east the couple will be at home at Glenhays, W. Va. Mr. Bias met Miss Sanson while acting as relief agent at Wayne.

### DUNLOW HOUSE BURNS.

The residence of Wayne Meade, Jr., of Dunlow was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The residence formerly occupied by J. H. Meek, is the largest building in Dunlow and was a well-built and beautiful structure. Wayne News.

## The Mayo Trail Will Contract Another Section

Now that Congress has made another appropriation for aid to roads it is said that the next section of the Mayo Trail, from Louisa to the Johnson county line, will be advertised to let in January.

### ANOTHER ADVANCE IN OIL EXPECTED

Another advance in the price of Somerset is looked for by oil men within a short time. Already a premium of ten to fifteen cents on the barrel is being offered by some of the independent buyers, and it begins to look as though the advance should come sooner than was expected. It was maintained all along that crude would go to three dollars by the end of the year, if the rate of increase was kept up, and the indications are that before the end of the present week, a further stimulation in the price will come.—Independent.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

The regular meeting of the city council was adjourned from Tuesday night to Wednesday night.  
Barney Wellman was employed to keep the paved streets clean.  
It being the time for laying the levy for next year, the rate was fixed at 50c for general purposes and 35c for bonds, the same as this year.  
After some routine business the council adjourned to November 22.

## FEDERAL AID FOR KENTUCKY ROADS

### Robison Bill Finally Passed By Congress Makes Money Available

The Federal aid road bill as agreed upon by the conference committee of the two houses of Congress has been passed and signed by the President.

Kentucky is entitled to \$472,353 immediately, out of a total of \$1,417,178, and West Virginia may have \$802,360, of which \$267,453 may be taken now.

In making public these allotments the department estimated that the employment of from 300,000 to 350,000 men in road building thus was made possible.

The Public Roads Bureau pointed out that, while each state had to match the Federal appropriation, the effect on the unemployment situation need not be delayed for legislative action by states.

The allotments are based upon the present mileage of the states in relation to their population and acreage.

## DEMOCRATS WIN IN KENTUCKY

Huge Democratic gains were scored throughout Kentucky in judicial, legislative and county races Tuesday. County after county which had not elected Democratic officials to any office for a score of years, elected all their Democratic nominees.

Both proposed amendments to the State Constitution, affecting the manner of choosing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the appointment of the State school fund seemed to have been decisively beaten.

Louisville remains in the Republican column by a much reduced majority. At the same time the Democrats gained four members of the Legislature from Louisville.

### Greenup County Democratic.

Every Democratic candidate in Greenup county was elected. They are as follows:  
Representative, C. C. Oney.  
Circuit Clerk, C. F. Spencer.  
County Judge, L. E. Nichols.  
County Attorney, Glen Miller, Republican. No opposition.  
County Clerk, J. B. Bates.  
Sheriff, Vernon Callahan.  
Jailer, E. P. Eastham.  
Tax Commissioner, L. Spurghill, Republican. No opposition.

### FALL MOVING TIME.

C. D. Duke and wife have moved to the Sam Bartram property on the Point. J. E. Klier and family have also moved to their new house on the Point.

L. E. Cooksey and family moved from Pocahontas street to the house on Lock avenue vacated by H. H. Queen and family who are occupying their handsome new residence on the Yates place on Lock avenue.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Robert Green, 24, to Zora Ross, 21, of Daviessville.  
Floyd King, 28, of Staffordsville to Julia Burton, 15, of Wilbur.  
Ben McCoy, 23, of Louisa, to Eddie Holley, 19, of Woodman.  
Dewey Day, 25, to Florence Griffith, 25, of Lower Elk.

### FERGUSON-WELLMAN.

Mrs. Manlie Wellman of Fort Gay, W. Va., announces the marriage of her daughter, Nancy Sue Wellman, to Lindsey Gordon Ferguson, on October 29, 1921, at the residence of Rev. S. P. Reynolds of Louisa.  
Their many friends wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

# All Democratic Candidates in Lawrence County Win

## The Vote in Lawrence County Nov. 8, 1921

| No. | Precinct        | Com. Atty.<br>F. M. Vinson—D. | Co. Judge<br>W. T. Cain—R. | Co. Judge<br>M. B. Sparks—D. | Co. Atty.<br>H. K. Moore—R. | Co. Atty.<br>G. W. Castle—D. | Sheriff<br>J. T. Swetham—R. | Sheriff<br>J. W. Young—D. | Sheriff<br>H. B. Muncy—R. | Jailer<br>C. C. Skaggs—D. | Jailer<br>E. G. Cordle—R. | Tax. Com.<br>D. M. Curnutte—D. | Tax. Com.<br>H. W. Williams—R. | Surveyor<br>L. E. Wallace—D. | Surveyor<br>C. F. Smith—R. |
|-----|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1.  | East Fork       | 116                           | 48                         | 119                          | 39                          | 102                          | 53                          | 115                       | 42                        | 111                       | 44                        | 117                            | 37                             | 78                           | 81                         |
| 2.  | Dry Fork        | 186                           | 75                         | 176                          | 85                          | 179                          | 78                          | 167                       | 92                        | 164                       | 92                        | 158                            | 82                             | 173                          | 78                         |
| 3.  | Falls of Blaine | 225                           | 121                        | 211                          | 117                         | 195                          | 102                         | 121                       | 112                       | 122                       | 102                       | 124                            | 55                             | 155                          | 106                        |
| 4.  | Blaine          | 120                           | 210                        | 131                          | 223                         | 55                           | 255                         | 136                       | 208                       | 86                        | 254                       | 109                            | 219                            | 101                          | 287                        |
| 5.  | Little Blaine   | 158                           | 158                        | 121                          | 202                         | 141                          | 175                         | 178                       | 145                       | 120                       | 155                       | 142                            | 154                            | 133                          | 180                        |
| 6.  | Peach Orchard   | 95                            | 45                         | 87                           | 63                          | 97                           | 69                          | 80                        | 74                        | 54                        | 63                        | 86                             | 62                             | 82                           | 65                         |
| 7.  | Rockcastle      | 169                           | 118                        | 104                          | 180                         | 93                           | 190                         | 109                       | 175                       | 89                        | 152                       | 99                             | 178                            | 93                           | 181                        |
| 8.  | Lyon            | 200                           | 85                         | 257                          | 38                          | 180                          | 108                         | 212                       | 78                        | 218                       | 79                        | 180                            | 83                             | 184                          | 87                         |
| 9.  | Upper Louisa    | 188                           | 147                        | 184                          | 144                         | 179                          | 143                         | 153                       | 177                       | 180                       | 143                       | 160                            | 155                            | 197                          | 130                        |
| 10. | Georges Creek   | 113                           | 179                        | 94                           | 201                         | 107                          | 185                         | 115                       | 178                       | 105                       | 179                       | 100                            | 182                            | 106                          | 179                        |
| 11. | Cherokee        | 128                           | 171                        | 128                          | 183                         | 107                          | 199                         | 158                       | 147                       | 108                       | 190                       | 140                            | 163                            | 113                          | 183                        |
| 12. | Bear Creek      | 120                           | 110                        | 109                          | 121                         | 118                          | 110                         | 105                       | 124                       | 112                       | 114                       | 113                            | 115                            | 111                          | 114                        |
| 13. | Twin Branch     | 203                           | 90                         | 164                          | 124                         | 205                          | 89                          | 178                       | 115                       | 194                       | 95                        | 207                            | 86                             | 185                          | 104                        |
| 14. | Swetnam         | 65                            | 213                        | 116                          | 166                         | 42                           | 237                         | 63                        | 216                       | 62                        | 216                       | 51                             | 223                            | 49                           | 224                        |
| 15. | Dobbins         | 122                           | 127                        | 129                          | 116                         | 151                          | 96                          | 81                        | 166                       | 86                        | 151                       | 78                             | 161                            | 81                           | 159                        |
| 16. | Lower Louisa    | 378                           | 248                        | 373                          | 233                         | 353                          | 242                         | 280                       | 330                       | 378                       | 231                       | 281                            | 287                            | 281                          | 207                        |
| 17. | Catt            | 150                           | 60                         | 116                          | 101                         | 146                          | 70                          | 126                       | 83                        | 131                       | 79                        | 140                            | 69                             | 133                          | 79                         |
| 18. | Gambill         | 74                            | 117                        | 53                           | 181                         | 109                          | 88                          | 95                        | 94                        | 73                        | 111                       | 80                             | 106                            | 60                           | 122                        |
| 19. | Buseville       | 107                           | 88                         | 88                           | 107                         | 122                          | 68                          | 94                        | 101                       | 107                       | 88                        | 101                            | 88                             | 108                          | 85                         |
| 20. | Torchlight      | 81                            | 37                         | 82                           | 29                          | 76                           | 22                          | 64                        | 41                        | 73                        | 33                        | 65                             | 34                             | 67                           | 33                         |
| 21. | Five Forks      | 122                           | 39                         | 106                          | 51                          | 104                          | 45                          | 101                       | 53                        | 107                       | 49                        | 103                            | 42                             | 111                          | 39                         |
|     |                 | 3114                          | 2471                       | 2904                         | 2892                        | 2614                         | 2501                        | 2756                      | 2795                      | 2684                      | 2723                      | 2631                           | 2728                           | 2655                         |                            |
|     | MAJORITIES      | 643                           | 250                        | 278                          | 45                          | 109                          | 92                          | 73                        |                           | 108                       | 92                        |                                |                                | 72                           |                            |

## FRED M. VINSON ELECTED BY 857

In the race for Commonwealth's Attorney in this judicial district Fred M. Vinson, Democrat, young lawyer of Louisa, has a majority of 857. The district is normally republican by more than 1900.

He carried Elliott 674 and Lawrence 643. His opponent Mr. Cain, received 460 majority in Carter, according to the last report received.

Mr. Vinson led the Democratic ticket in Lawrence county, getting more than twice as great a majority as any other candidate.

## MRS. FLANERY WINS IN BOYD COUNTY

Two democrats Tuesday won offices at the heads of Boyd county voters, according to complete returns here today. Mrs. Mary Elliott Flanery, democrat, of Catlettsburg, has defeated Daniel Vose, republican incumbent, in the race for representative in the lower house of the Kentucky legislature. Her majority is 255.

J. G. Rucker, democrat, has beaten William H. Carr, republican, for county judge. He has a majority of 76 votes.

Mrs. Flanery received 4548 votes to 4293 for Mr. Vose. She will be the first woman elected to the general assembly of a southern state.

Judge Kennedy, democrat, is re-elected Police Judge of Ashland.

In all other county races the republicans won.

Dr. W. M. Salisbury had no opposition for Mayor of Ashland.

### Floyd County Democrats Elect All Candidates

The district composed of Floyd and Knott counties has had a Republican Circuit Judge for six years—William Patrick. On Tuesday W. W. Williams, Democrat, defeated him for reelection by nearly 4000 votes. He had 2400 majority in Floyd.

Claude Stephens is elected Commonwealth's Attorney. Floyd gave him 896 majority.

W. A. Wallen wins for Representative by 1559.

Edward Hill is elected County Judge by 803.

John Hatcher for County Clerk wins by 153.

Porter Mayo beat Wm. Dingess for County Attorney by 965.

M. V. Allen defeated Stanley for Sheriff by 1400. Stanley was formerly a Democrat and was elected County Judge, but lately changed his politics.

Henry Stephens is elected Circuit Clerk by 750.

### Deep Test Well in Magoffin Abandoned

The Redrock Oil Company has been forced to abandon a test well in Magoffin county at a depth of 3855 feet. The tools were stuck in the well and all efforts to extricate them failed. The well was started last March. Nothing of value was found in the way of oil deposits. The well is on Jack Whitaker's place.

### AN APPRECIATION

To The People of the 32nd Judicial District:—

Words do not express the appreciation which I feel toward my friends for the glorious vote recorded for me at the election. It was the most splendid vote of confidence that could be accorded to me. I am, indeed, grateful, and full of thanks to my most loyal friends. "Fair weather" friends do not count; it is "the friend in need, that is the friend indeed."

There is an adverse majority in this district of more than 1,250 votes, and for my friends, both Democrats and Republicans alike, to overturn such a vast majority, and in lieu thereof, give to me the handsome and unprecedented majority of 857 votes, does, of necessity, fill my heart with joy to overflowing. The joy which pervades my being, however, is tempered and shadowed with the thought of responsibility which will fall upon my shoulders. However, I have sought this responsibility, and you have given it to me, and I, willingly, assume it.

I call upon you, as citizens of this district to assist me in the performance of my official duties. My only campaign promise, which I now repeat, is "a fair, square deal for all persons, regardless of wealth, politics or religious creed."

To those of you who espoused the cause of my opponent, I have no hatred or feeling of revenge, and, in the words of our immortal Lincoln, I will enter upon and discharge the duties imposed upon this office, "with malice toward none, with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

Your grateful friend,

*Fred M. Vinson*

## LEGISLATURE WILL BE DEMOCRATIC

### Dr. Whitaker Wins in 34th and Insures Control of State Senate.

Returns received from the Thirty-fourth Senatorial District indicate the reelection of Dr. J. D. Whitaker of Carmel City, Democrat, to the Senate, by a substantial plurality. If Dr. Whitaker has won, as the figures seem to show, it means that the Democrats will control the Senate, 20 to 18, and will be able to organize that branch of the General Assembly, elect the president pro tem and other officers, and draw up the rules of procedure. The Democrats will control the House by at least twenty-four majority.

With Breathitt county not yet officially reported, Dr. Whitaker was said to have carried his own county, Morgan, by 1,675, and Wolfe by from 300 to 300. His opponent, M. S. Crain of Jackson, Republican, was credited with carrying Lee county by 437, and Magoffin county by 513. This apparently gave the present Senator a lead of 495 to 1,045, to offhand any lead which his opponent may have had in Breathitt county.

### Wayne to Vote Again on County Seat Removal

November 21 is the date set for another vote on removal of the county seat from Wayne to Kenova. A petition of 6138 names, and bond for expenses was filed with the court Monday.

### LETCHER COUNTY.

The strong Republican county of Letcher elected a Democratic county judge and circuit clerk and gave Judge Childers 1500 majority. Fess Whitaker came within 80 votes of beating the Republican candidate for Sheriff.

## PIKE AND LETCHER ELECT DEMOCRATS

### Childers Defeats Vanover for Circuit Judge in That District.

One of the biggest Democratic victories in Eastern Kentucky was that of Judge Joel E. Childers, who defeated Judge Roscoe Vanover for reelection as Circuit Judge in the Pike and Letcher district by about 2500. The normal republican majority is 5000 to 6000.

The Democratic candidate for jailer, E. P. Runyon, won, and also another democrat, so we are informed, but did not get his name or office.

Later:—Judge Childers majority is between 4500 and 5000.

The Democrats elected every candidate they had for county offices, as follows: D. C. Moore circuit clerk; J. E. Runyon county clerk; Grover C. Rowe jailer; T. J. Anderson surveyor; Tom Wolford coroner. Five out of 8 magistrates are Democrats.

### Train No. 15 to Stop at Glenhays on Flag

The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has directed the Norfolk & Western railway to stop train No. 15 at Glenhays, W. Va., 10 miles east of Louisa and Fort Gay, for the purpose of receiving passengers holding tickets to Kenova and points west, effective Nov. 20th. This is the result of an appeal from patrons of the road to stop trains 15 and 16. The matter went to the Public Service Commission with the result above stated. The train service would be very greatly improved if trains 15 and 16 would stop at Glenhays on flag or otherwise, without the Kenova restriction. Glenhays is a central point for a considerable territory that has no adequate train service.

## ONLY THE REPUBLICANS WITHOUT OPPOSITION CAME THROUGH SAFELY

The election Tuesday resulted in a clean sweep for the Democratic ticket in Lawrence county. The majorities range from 45 to 643.

The Democrats had no names on the ballots for circuit clerk and county clerk, their nominees having been disqualified by failure to file certificates of nomination in time. 554 voters wrote the name of H. B. Hewlett on the ballots for circuit clerk and 138 wrote W. A. Arrington's name for county clerk.

Amendment No. 1 to the constitution received 300 votes for and 298 against. Amendment No. 2 got 374 yes and 270 no.

Voters in the three Democratic magisterial districts wrote in the names of Add Skeens, Silas Jobe and V. B. Shortridge for Justice of the Peace and elected them.

G. G. Roberts and A. J. Webb, Jr., were elected on the County Board of Education.

Dr. R. C. Moore, Democrat, is elected Representative from Lawrence and Elliott, without opposition.

Fred M. Vinson for Commonwealth's Attorney, led the ticket with a majority of 857.

Circuit Judge, H. L. Woods, R., no opposition.

Representative, R. C. Moore, D., no opposition.

Com. Atty., F. M. Vinson, Co. Judge, M. B. Sparks, Co. Atty., G. W. Castle, Circuit Clerk, W. S. Boggs, Republican.

Co. Clerk, Chas. Edwards, Republican.

Sheriff, J. Walter Young, Jailer, C. C. Skaggs, Tax Com., D. M. Curnutte, Surveyor, L. E. Wallace, Robt. W. Vinson, brother of Fred, ran for magistrate on a Good Roads ticket in Rockcastle, Peach Orchard and Gambill precincts and tied with the Republican nominee, Dave Sammons. The district is normally Republican by a large majority. It is said a recount will be made.

The table is taken from the certificates brought in, and is believed to be correct. The official count will take place Friday.

**Result in City of  
Louisa Election**

The present city administration of Louisa was turned down by the voters in the election Tuesday and the following officers were elected:

Mayor—L. E. Wellman.

Police Judge—Geo. W. Hale.

Comptroller—R. C. Burton, Claud Wilson, H. W. Cress, Carl Picklesimer, Charter Wellman, W. M. Taylor.